

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic still camera comprising:

a photographing optical system;

an image pick-up device; and

a transmission optical component;

wherein light rays of an object which are passed through said photographing optical system are incident on a sensor surface of said image pick-up device through said transmission optical component,

wherein said transmission optical component is shaped so as to shift an image point of an object image formed through said photographing optical system rearwards with respect to said photographing optical system,

wherein said transmission optical component includes a concave lens surface having a negative optical power,

wherein said transmission optical component is fixed to said image pick-up device with the space between the sensor surface and the transmission optical system being sealed in an air-tight manner.

2. (Original) The electronic still camera according to claim 1, wherein said electronic still camera comprises a focal plane shutter, and

wherein said transmission optical component and said image pick-up device are positioned behind said focal plane shutter with respect to said photographing optical system.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The electronic still camera according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein the surface on the photographing optical system side of said transmission optical component comprises a concave lens surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The electronic still camera according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein said transmission optical component comprises a concave lens having a concave surface on the sensor surface side.

6. (Original) The electronic still camera according to claim 4, wherein said image pick-up device comprises:

a protection glass on the photographing optical system side with respect to said sensor surface; and

said transmission optical component which is installed on the photographing optical system side of said protection glass.

7. (Original) The electronic still camera according to claim 6, wherein said transmission optical component comprises an infrared absorption filter, an optical adhesive layer, and an optical low-pass filter, cemented in that order from said photographing optical system side;

wherein the surface on the photographing optical system side of said infrared absorption filter is a concave curved surface; and

wherein the surface on the photographing optical system side of said optical adhesive layer includes a concave surface of a plano-concave lens.

8. (Original) The electronic still camera according to claim 7, wherein the refractive index of said optical adhesive layer is greater than the refractive index of said infrared absorption filter.

9 – 21 (Cancelled)